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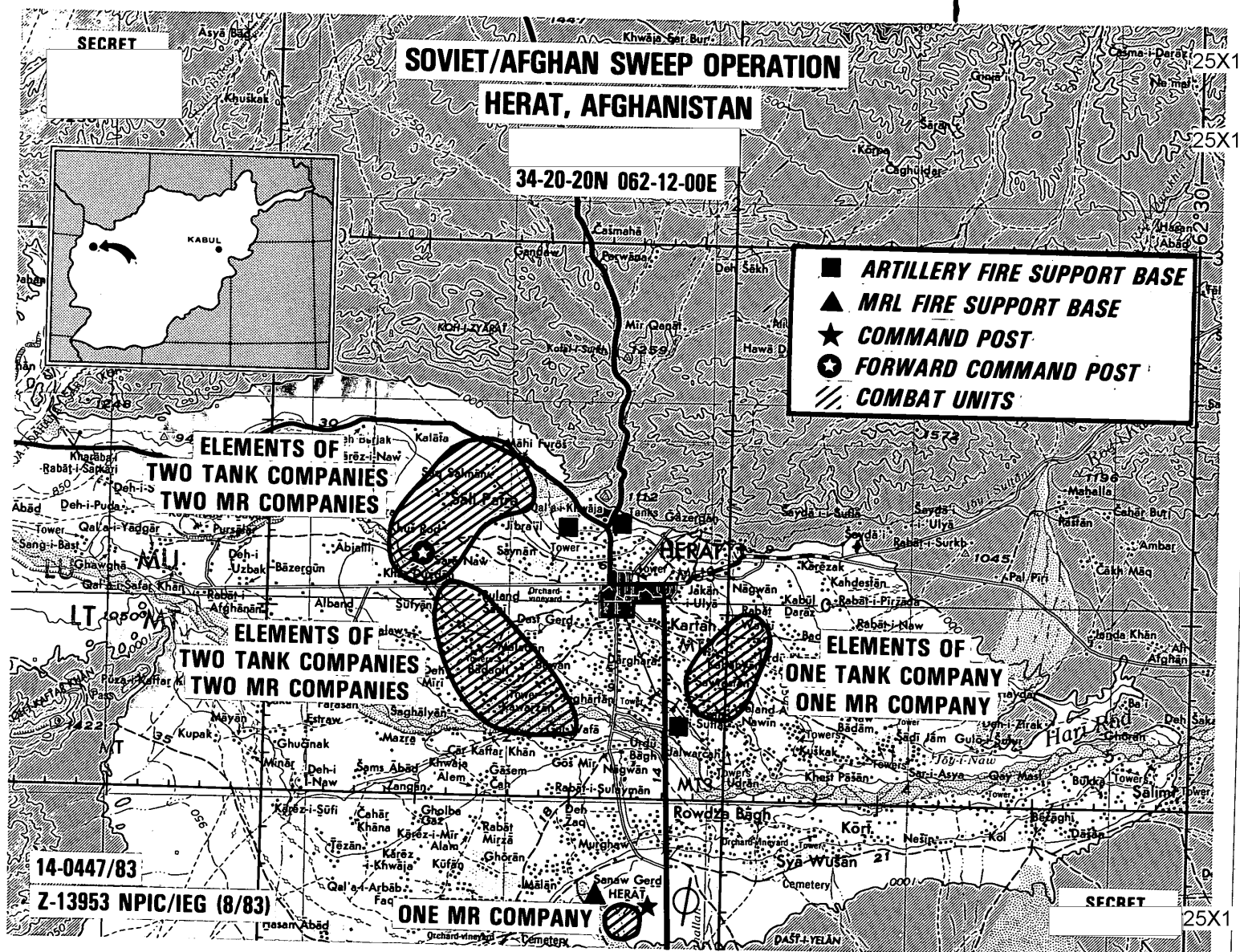
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SOVIET/AFGHAN SWEEP OPERATION
HERAT, AFGHANISTAN (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: A MAJOR SOVIET/AFGHAN SWEEP OPERATION AT HERAT
WAS OBSERVED _____ (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: ELEMENTS OF TWO MOTORIZED RIFLE (MR) REGIMENTS AND ONE
TANK REGIMENT HAD CORDONED OFF THREE SIDES OF HERAT. ELEMENTS
OF TWO MOTORIZED RIFLE COMPANIES AND TWO TANK COMPANIES WERE
DEPLOYED ONLINE ON THE NORTHWEST EDGE OF THE CITY. AN
EQUIVALENT FORCE WAS MANEUVERING TOWARD HERAT FROM THE SOUTHWEST
AND ELEMENTS OF AN ADDITIONAL MOTORIZED RIFLE COMPANY AND TANK
COMPANY WERE ADVANCING ON THE CITY FROM THE SOUTHEAST. ONE
FORWARD COMMAND POST WAS DEPLOYED WITH THE FORCE TO THE
NORTHWEST. IN ADDITION, AT LEAST SIX TANKS AND EIGHT ARMORED
PERSONNEL CARRIERS HAD SET UP ROADBLOCKS AT KEY INTERSECTIONS
INSIDE HERAT AND A POSSIBLE AFGHAN TRUCK CONVOY WAS PARKED IN
THE CENTER OF TOWN. (SWN)ONE PROBABLE SOVIET ARTILLERY BATTALION AND TWO AFGHAN ARTILLERY
BATTERIES WERE DEPLOYED IN TWO ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT BASES ON
THE NORTH EDGE OF HERAT. AN ADDITIONAL AFGHAN ARTILLERY BATTERY
WAS IN A FIRE SUPPORT BASE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HERAT.
EXTENSIVE NEW CRATERING ON THE SOUTHWEST EDGE OF THE CITY
INDICATES HEAVY ARTILLERY SHELLING HAS OCCURRED IN THAT AREA.
(SWN)THE INITIAL EVIDENCE OF THIS OPERATION WAS OBSERVED _____
WHEN ONE BM-27 EQUIPPED MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER (MRL) BATTERY,
ONE MOTORIZED RIFLE COMPANY, AND ONE PROBABLE COMMAND POST WERE
DEPLOYED WEST OF HERAT AIRFIELD _____. THE MULTIPLE
ROCKET LAUNCHERS WERE IN FIRING POSITION FACING HERAT. (SWN)

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3. BE NONE, COORDINATES 34-20-20N 069-12-00E (S)

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